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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
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Blatant anti-US propaganda continues to be disseminated on rebel media and rebel leaders are now charging US forces with another killing.

Rebel sources claimed last night that a municipal leader of Bosch's Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD) was killed yesterday in the rebel controlled area of Santo Domingo by fire from the International Safety Zone. The alleged victim, Manuel German del Villar, was a leader of the PRD in the town of Bonao.

German del Villar may have died in an incident at 12:39 EDT yesterday afternoon when US forces in the corridor came under fire from a panel truck in rebel territory. US forces returned the fire and report hitting one rebel.

A particularly blatant commentary on the rebel-controlled radio last night consisted of a talk by Almanzor Gonzalez Camaguante, who is described as a professor of comparative law at the University of Santo Domingo. Gonzalez' talk was a clear incitement to resist US troops. He declared that "history and destiny have pitted us against the most powerful nation in the world, with all its physical power and corrupting dollars." He then went on: "Dominicans, we can defeat the United States and force it to evacuate its interventionist forces if we resist, accepting martyrdom and the path to heroism...united let us exercise our right to resist the Yankee interventionists, because only by dying can we be born for the fatherland and live for history."

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Meanwhile, the rebels continue to claim widespread support for their cause in the interior of the country. The rebel radio claimed yesterday that messages of popular support are continuing to "pour in" from all over the country. Rebel propaganda continues to exaggerate disturbances in the countryside and to picture them as the natural response of a people dedicated to the fight against the Imbert "dictatorship."

Actually, there were only scattered and small scale pro-rebel disturbances in the provinces in the past two days. At Villa Gonzalez, where the police station was attacked by an armed band on the nights of 19 and 20 May, there was another attack on the police on Saturday. Unidentified persons fired two shots from a speeding auto at the police station.

In the city of Salcedo yesterday, trucks loaded with persons returning from a pro-Imbert rally in the nearby city of Moca were stoned by rebel sympathizers. Police and army personnel fired into the air to prevent the occupants of the trucks from being hurt. There were no injuries reported from the shooting.

The Anti-Communist rally staged by Imbert in Moca yesterday is reported to have attracted some 5,000 persons. Buses and trucks brought people from San Francisco de Macoris, Salcedo, La Vega, Santiago, and other surrounding areas. Three provincial governors were present at the demonstration. During the rally extremists exploded a noise bomb on the fringes of the crowd, but this apparently did not cause undue disruption. Police and army reinforcements had been brought into Moca to supplement the local forces.

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The US Embassy reports that it has been receiving continuing reports that the loyalist military is increasingly determined to take matters into its own hands in an effort to end the political impasse. The officers are said to be in a quandary, however, over what courses are open to them. Officers in Santiago are reported to be perplexed over the continuing stalemate and to be of the opinion that Imbert's "concessions" to the Organization of American States have undermined public security in the interior.

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